

Crime Investigation department to probe into irregularities reported in the sanction of pension to freedom fighters;

- (b) if so, the details of the probe; and
- (c) the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A complaint was received on the functioning of the erstwhile Hyderabad Special Screening Committee (HSSC). Government of Andhra Pradesh has entrusted the case to its Criminal Investigation Department for enquiry and report on 27.12.2005. The enquiry report is awaited.

- (c) Does not arise.

Joint survey of border pillars

2330. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have held technical-level discussions on the modalities for the joint survey of the boundary pillars with bordering countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (c) the conclusions derived from such discussions, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The country-wise details of technical level discussion for joint survey of boundary pillars and conclusions derived from such discussions are as under:

1. India-Pakistan Border

India and Pakistan conducted a Joint Survey of extent boundary pillars in horizontal segment of Sir Creek in January, 2005 wherein the coordinates of the pillars were jointly determined and noted. During the Foreign Secretary level talks held on 14th & 15th November, 2006, both the countries agreed to hold a meeting of Experts on 22nd 23rd December, 2006 to decide on

coordinates for joint survey of Sir Creek and adjoining areas without prejudice to each others position as well as to simultaneously conduct discussions on the Maritime Boundary.

2. India-Bangladesh Border

Joint Survey of International Boundary between India and Bangladesh is conducted every year for restoration of missing/displaced pillars and unobstructed pillars. Since the survey operation is to be conducted jointly with the Bangladesh authorities and they are not in a position to take up the entire stretch of boundary at a time, the task is taken up sector-wise according to the requirements of the State Government, Border Security Force and other agencies.

3. India-Myanmar Border

Sixth meeting of Heads of Survey Department of the two countries was held in New Delhi on 27th - 28th November, 2006. The issues regarding joint inspection, repairs, restoration and maintenance of boundary pillars were discussed during the meeting.

4. India-Nepal Border

27 meetings of the Joint Technical Committee on boundary related issues between India and Nepal have been held so far. Its last meeting was held in September, 2005. Around 97% of the strip map survey and 96% identification of the boundary alignment have been completed.

5. India-Bhutan Border

The modalities for joint inspection and maintenance of border pillars are agreed to by India and Bhutan and the requisite tasks are being carried out as and when required. The last meeting between the two countries regarding India-Bhutan border was held September, 2006.

6. India-China Border

No boundary pillars have been erected by both the countries on India-China border.